

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION WORKSHEET

Wildlife

Pomeroy Roadside Vegetation Maintenance

Pomeroy Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest

Extraordinary Circumstances

Are these circumstance present and applicable to your resource?	Yes	No	N/A for my resource
Are there any federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for federal listing, or Forest Service sensitive species?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your project occur within a floodplain, wetland, or municipal watershed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposal occur within or adjacent to a Congressionally designated area(s), such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposal occur within or adjacent to an Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA) or Potential Wilderness (PW)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposal occur within or adjacent to a Research Natural Area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposal occur within or adjacent to known American Indian and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Extraordinary Circumstances Determination:

Forest Service sensitive species may be present however the proposed action will have no impact to these species or their habitat. No federally listed threatened or endangered species, designated critical habitat, or species proposed for federal listing are known to occur within the project area.

Regulatory Framework

The proposed action has been reviewed and is determined to be in compliance with the management framework applicable to this resource. The laws, regulations, policies and Forest Plan direction applicable to this project and this resource are as follows:

National Forest Management Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Forest Service direction for Biological Evaluations, and Forest Plan direction for old forest, elk cover, dead wood habitat.

Required Design Features

The following design features are required to ensure compliance with the regulatory framework for this resource and/or to reduce the risk of adverse impacts to this resource.

1. Retain all live and dead trees with evidence of constructed bird nests or cavities.

2. Avoid disturbing raptor nest sites. If nest or raptor exhibiting territorial behavior is observed avoid the area by ¼ mile and consult wildlife biologist for further guidance.

Cause-Effect Relationship

- Habitat for MIS species will not be reduced to the degree that population viability on the Umatilla National forest would be put in jeopardy. Additionally, there will be no or negligible effects to habitat features such as elk cover and security, snag and down wood densities, and old forest abundance and connectivity. The project would not cause these values to fall below Forest Plan standards.
- The proposed action will have No Impact to sensitive species and will not cause a trend toward federal listing.

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